

troop withdrawals back to the Ethiopian border. Without outside support I fear that the Transitional Federal Government (TFG) and Somalia as a whole will be swept back into the cycle of violence and chaos that has defined the country for the past 15 years.

I believe that the United States can make great progress in securing the Horn of Africa by what actions we take right now. First and foremost is security. Until the government troops can offer sustainable stability, we need to assist them. This solution need not include U.S. troops; I am aware of negotiations for the deployment of 8,000 troops from other African countries, including a force of about 1,000 from Uganda. Any efforts in this direction should be greatly encouraged.

The United States has no formal representative to the Somali Republic. The Transitional Federal Government has requested creating such a position.

We need to offer assistance and aid at this most crucial juncture. At an appropriate time the U.S. should encourage public and private investment, possibly through a trade mission. Other areas where help is greatly needed include security training, basic sanitation, water purification, and tax collection.

Perhaps most importantly, we should assist in any steps that can be taken to establish a national unity government. This will require groups from all sides of the spectrum getting together and working out serious solutions.

The United States can make great progress in securing the Horn of Africa by what actions we take right now. I am submitting a resolution expressing the following: support for the Transitional Federal Government; recognize Ethiopia, particularly Prime Minister Meles, and Kenya for the noble efforts aimed toward pursuing peace in Somalia and support for the United States in the War on Terror; and the U.S. should support and push efforts for serious multi-party talks aimed at establishing a national unity government.

There are a number of measures that should be taken at an appropriate time by the United States to promote stability. With the assistance of the U.S., the TFG will be better equipped to face the challenges of restoring peace to this war-torn country.

While I understand that the situation is volatile and some forms of assistance may not be immediately appropriate, I believe it is necessary to raise awareness that there are definite ways that we can affect progress. Please join me in supporting Somalia and bringing peace to this war-torn region.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 231. Mrs. CLINTON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 470, to express the sense of Congress on Iraq; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 232. Mr. FEINGOLD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him

to the bill S. 470, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 231. Mrs. CLINTON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 470, to express the sense of Congress on Iraq; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 9, strike line 24.

On page 10, and 18, strike "intervention.", and insert the following: intervention; and

(13) no United States military forces should be deployed to Iraq after the date of the enactment of this Act unless the Secretary of Defense certifies to Congress before such deployment that such forces are adequately equipped and trained for the missions to be discharged by such forces in Iraq.

SA 232. Mr. FEINGOLD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 470, to express the sense of Congress on Iraq; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 7, strike line 10 and all that follows through page 8, line 13, and insert the following:

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the Senate disagrees with the President's plan to escalate United States military involvement in Iraq.

(2) Congress should establish an end-date for the deployment of United States military forces in Iraq;

(3) the Senate believes a failed state in Iraq would present a threat to regional and world peace, and the long-term security interests of the United States are best served by an Iraq that can sustain, govern, and defend itself, and serve as an ally in the war against extremists;

#### NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

##### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that an oversight hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Energy of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Monday, February 12, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The dual purpose of this hearing is to receive recommendations on policies and programs to improve the energy efficiency of buildings and to expand the role of electric and gas utilities in energy efficiency programs.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Deborah Estes at (202) 224-5360 or Britni Rillera at (202) 224-1219.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

##### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law be authorized to meet on Monday, February 5, 2007 at 3 p.m. to conduct a hearing on "Genocide and the Rule of Law" in Room 226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

##### Witness List

The Honorable Sigal Mandelker, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, Washington, DC.

Lieutenant General The Honorable Romeo A. Dallaire, Senator, Parliament of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.

Don Cheadle, Actor and Activist, Los Angeles, CA.

Diane F. Orentlicher, Professor, Washington College of Law, American University, Washington, DC.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94-304, as amended by Public Law 99-7, appoints the following Senators as members of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki) during the 110th Congress: the Senator from Connecticut, Mr. DODD; the Senator from Wisconsin, Mr. FEINGOLD; the Senator from New York, Mrs. CLINTON; the Senator from Massachusetts, Mr. KERRY; and the Senator from Maryland, Mr. CARDIN.

The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94-304, as amended by Public Law 99-7, appoints the Senator from Maryland, Mr. CARDIN, as Co-Chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki) during 110th Congress.

#### REFERRAL OF S. 153 TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Commerce Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 153 and the bill be referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### ORDER FOR READING OF WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL ADDRESS

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the resolution of the Senate of January 24, 1901, the traditional reading of Washington's Farewell Address take place on Monday, February 26, 2007, at 2 p.m.